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TITLE: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONDITIONING NUCLEAR  
FUEL ASSEMBLIES WITH DOUBLE CONFINEMENT  
BARRIER  
EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.